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SUBJ: UAE NAMES AMBASSADOR TO SAUDI ARABIA

1. UAE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS ANNOUNCED THAT SAG HAS ACCEPTED NOMINATION OF AHMED MOHAMMED ABU RIHAIMA AS UAE'S FIRST AMBASSADOR TO SAUDI ARABIA. RIHAIMA UNKNOWN TO EMBASSY BUT MFA DIRECTOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, GHANEM MAZRU'I, TOLD DCM THAT RIHAIMA HAS BEEN BROUGHT INTO MINISTRY SPECIFICALLY FOR THIS ASSIGNMENT. MAZRU'I STRESSED THAT RIHAIMA WAS "MATURE" INDIVIDUAL IN HIS FORTIES (MAZRU'I PRESUMABLY MAKING CONTRAST TO SO MANY OF UAE'S AMBASSADORS WHO STILL IN 20'S). MAZRU'I SAID THAT RIHAIMA WAS FROM DUBAI AND HAS BUSINESS BACKGROUND, APPARENTLY AS DIRECTOR PROMINENT FIRM JUMA AL-MAJID WHICH AMONG OTHER THINGS HANDLES GE APPLIANCES AND AIR CONDITIONERS. RIHAIMA HAS RECENTLY SPENT TIME BOTH IN MINISTRY AND IN UAE EMBASSY BEIRUT BONING UP ON DIPLOMATIC "ARTS."

2. MAZRU'I IN RESPONSE TO DCM'S INQUIRY SAID THERE WAS NO WORD WHEN SAG WOULD OPEN EMBASSY HERE, BUT OBSERVED IT WAS JUST QUESTION OF TIME -- FINDING SUITABLE LOCATION, ETC. STERNER

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